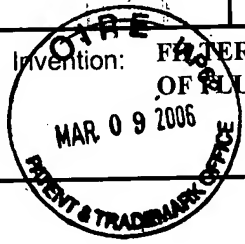


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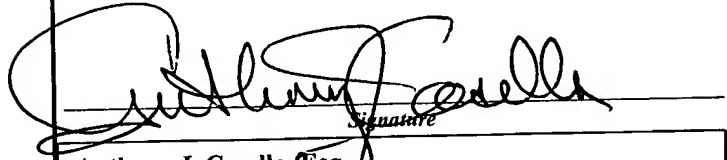
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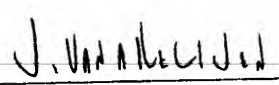
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant herein responds to the Office Action dated December 7, 2005 in the above identified patent application. Entry of the present amendment and favorable consideration of the pending claims respectfully is requested based on the following.